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Ray and Robin Miller  
404 Louisiana Avenue  
Libby, MT 59923

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Miller:

I am writing in response to the certified letter you sent regarding damage to your property at 404 Louisiana Avenue.

As you know, EPA contractors and I have visited your home to inspect the damage caused by the encapsulant spill. First I would like to apologize for any frustration or inconvenience this has caused you. Our goal is to remove as much contaminated material as possible and leave your property as if we were not there. Unfortunately this is not always the case and we need to remedy any problems we may have caused. We are bound by Superfund regulations to perform restoration "in-kind" and in some cases as in yours we can not replace a used carpet with a used carpet therefore to be fair and reasonable the EPA is prepared to offer:

1. EPA contractors will pay for carpet removal and preparation, and replacement of the carpet in the living room, dining room and hallway. EPA believes that replacement of the pad is not necessary due to the contractors actions the option to replace the pad yours, therefore EPA or its contractors will not pay for a replacement of this pad.
2. EPA contractors will attempt to clean the outdoor carpet on the porch. Because of the pre-existing wear on this outdoor carpet, no further action will be taken on the outdoor carpet if cleaning does not completely remove the encapsulant.
3. Per Mr. Miller's request, EPA contractors will leave a cleaning solution at your premises to allow you to address any spots of material on the shop vacuum as well as any encapsulant material on the basement floor.

Please ask Floor Coverings International to prepare a revised cost estimate removing the cost of the pad from the total. When you have received the revised estimate, please provide a copy to your Community Involvement Coordinator, Jessica Tonner. We will review the cost estimate and notify you within 3 business days of receipt if it is considered fair and reasonable. In order for EPA to pay for this work this it must be approved prior to startup.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 406-293-6194.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Cirian", is written over a horizontal line.

Mike Cirian, P.E.  
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Jessica Tonner, CIC  
Vince Parker, ER  
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**Potable Waterline pressure issues, Former Screening Plant – Libby, MT**

In Response to concerns raised by Mr. and Mrs. Parker regarding pressure losses in the potable waterline at the Former Screening Plant. The EPA has hired a local plumber to assist in determining if there are any pressure losses and where these pressure losses might be.

- At 10:30 am on 12 October, 2006 Mr. Glen Doubek of A1 24-7 Handyman Services Maintenance & Repair and Mike Cirian EPA, RPM reviewed the waterline on site for possible leak locations and diagnostic checks.
- The valve leading to the Green Building was shut off. Mr. Doubek and Mr. Cirian tested the pressure tank and the pressure gauge indicated that the pressures were within 2 psi of the gauge on the water line.
- Next, power was shut off and the water from the pressure tank was emptied. Again the pressure tank was gauged and pressure was at 38 psi which is an acceptable level for the Pressure tank.
- The power was turned back on and the tank filled back to desired pressure of 60 psi and settled in at 57psi and no losses showed up within ½ hour.
- At 11:00 am we overrode the pump and ran the pressure to 70 psi and it settled in at 67psi. We decided to leave the pressure tank at this setting and check back later.
- Mr. Cirian traveled back to the site and checked the pressure tank setting at 5:08 pm and pressure remained at 67 psi. At 5:33 pm Mr. Cirian took a picture of the pressure gauge showing the tank pressure at 67 psi.
- Mr. Cirian again checked the pressure tank on 13 October, 2006 at 9:00 am and the pressure gauge indicated 66 psi. Another picture was taken for verification.

Due to the findings and tests run the pressure is holding and there is no indication of a leak in either the pressure tank or potable waterline with the valve to the green building in the off position. Therefore any leaks or pressure losses must be beyond the valve and are Mr. & Mrs. Parkers' responsibility.

Signed and dated: Mike Cirian PE 10/13/06

Mike Cirian, EPA - Libby, RPM

Signed and Dated: Glen Doubek 10.23.06

Glen Doubek, A1 24-7 Handyman Services Maintenance & Repair